

RMD Bulletin

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New Guideline for Medi-Cal Coverage Effective Date

Contract providers who are currently LIVE in the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) have been instructed previously to enter the Medi-Cal Benefits Identification Card (BIC) Issue Date as the Coverage Effective Date in IBHIS. Effective immediately, **we will no longer be using the BIC Issue Date as the Coverage Effective Date because the BIC Issue Date is not indicative of a client's eligibility. The date that all providers should be using as the Coverage Effective Date will be *January 1, 2014*.** Unless the provider is 100% sure of the actual month the client became a Medi-Cal beneficiary, January 1, 2014 should be used as the Coverage Effective Date for both new and existing clients. This will ensure that all services are captured in IBHIS and billed correctly.

The January 1, 2014 Coverage Effective Date will be used for all Medi-Cal Guarantors: Medi-Cal DMH (10), Healthy Families (11), and Katie A. Medi-Cal (18).

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